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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Tea seeds resemble small hazelnuts. They are sown in beds to grow thickly together like cabbages.

The ukapi has been placed on the "wholly protected" list in the Uganda protectorate game regulations.

There are eight patent medicine firms in this country which annually spend \$500,000 each in advertising.

Over 4,000 sheep were brought recently from Montana to Lansing, Mich., to be fed there on sugar beet refuse.

A Chinese manuscript in the Paris library proves that anesthetics for surgical purposes were used in China 1,700 years ago.

Thousands of apparatuses for making coffee have been invented. The patent office is packed with pots, etc., some of which cost \$25 apiece.

Dredging rivers in gold-bearing countries for gold has become a great industry, and dredges of wonderful power and capacity are being built to dredge 60 feet below the water line and to reach 60 feet above it, along the banks.

It is stated that every year England loses a tract of land the size of Gibraltar, and that on the east coast alone the annual loss equals in territory the island of Heligoland. In the last 100 years an edge of England equal in area to the county of London has been submerged.

The enormity of our salmon output this year has played havoc with the British fisheries, for in Canada the law does not permit the use of traps. In Washington and Oregon traps are used, so that the American fisheries are able to furnish salmon to the Canadian canneries for two and three cents a fish, where the canneries used to pay the Canadians from ten to 15 cents.

LOSE MONEY BY THE TRIP.

It cost the Government \$27 to Recover from Abroad a \$12 Bundle of Clothes.

An American died abroad and a bundle of clothes belonging to him was sent by the American consul to Marcus Hook on the British tank steamship Vedra. When the latter arrived one day lately the captain notified the local customs authorities to take the property off the vessel. It was understood that there was no claimant for the clothing, and that after being appraised it was to be sold at auction in this city. Seemingly it would be a very simple matter to give an inspector 40 cents for a round-trip ticket to Chester and let him bring the stuff up with him. Government red tape, however, intervened, and when the bundle was finally safe in the big building at 131 South Second street, the expenses incidental thereto will easily eat up five times more than will ever be realized from its sale, says the Philadelphia North American.

In the first place, the treasury department has an old revenue cutter in these waters, the Washington, which did duty as a boarding officer's boat in New York bay until it had outgrown its usefulness, and is now figuring in a similar capacity at this port. When Collector Thomas was notified that there was business for the department down the river, he promptly ordered the Washington made ready to bring up the clothing and deputized Boarding Officer Rauch and two assistants to see that there was no neglect of ceremonial forms incidental to the transaction.

The revenue cutter, not being accustomed to long voyages was all day getting to Chester and back. She consumes much coal, and burned up some five tons of it. When Mr. Rauch took charge of the effects of the dead American he discovered that they could not possibly be worth more than \$12. In addition to the coal, his own salary and that of his assistants figure in the odd trip.

The captain of the Vedra was amazed at the pomp which characterized the transfer of the "blooming" bundle of rags from his vessel's hold to that of the Washington, and remarked that he would be "blasted" if he didn't relate the incident in his own country if he was lucky enough to return there. Little attention, however, was paid to his remarks by Mr. Rauch, who considered him an extremely ignorant person regarding treasury department procedure.

It was late in the evening when the Washington returned to the city. The bundle of clothing remains to be appraised yet, and maybe a few more dollars will be tacked on to the growing expense.

Electric Motors.

The great objection to electric motors—that they will not run far enough without recharging—is said to be overcome. Recently in England a circuit of 94 miles was run without recharging. It was done with a battery of 42 four-plate cells, with a capacity of 180 ampere-hours. The carriage was a four-wheeled dogcart, with two motors of two and a half horse-powers each. The secret of the battery which enabled it to make such a record was that in going down grade the motors were reversed, thus making dynamos for charging the accumulators. In this way the current was not only saved but a new current actually generated, rendering the battery stronger at the bottom of the grade than it was at the top.—Detroit Free Press.

A Half-Million Dollar Poem.

It is stated that "The Absent-Minded Beggar," by Rudyard Kipling, has realized in various ways about \$455,000 for the families of the British soldiers who have fought in South Africa, or somewhat more than \$10,000 for each line.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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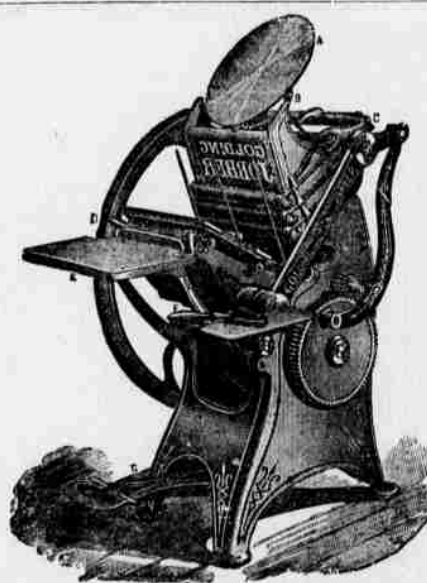
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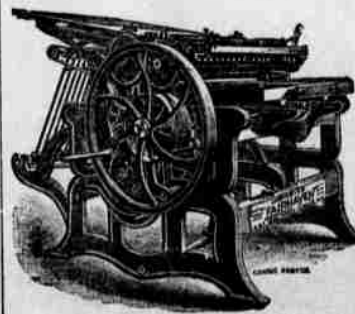
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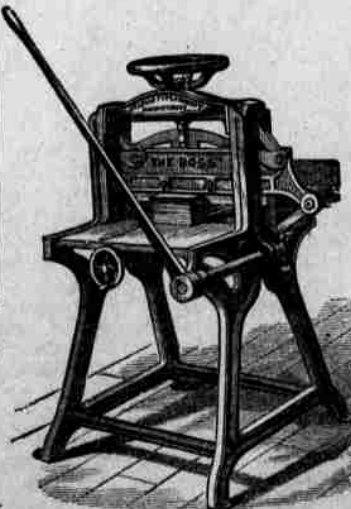


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